

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAM AND
LOIS RUVOLO

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friends Sam and Lois Ruvolo as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sam and Lois met in Cleveland, Ohio, the city they were both born and raised. After a chance meeting at the local community center, where Lois was a secretary, they were married six months later at the Holy Name Church on August 11, 1956.

After serving in the United States Army from 1950–1952, Sam taught school and coached football at the high school, college, and pro levels for 32 years. In 1988, Sam and Lois both decided to retire. They sold their residence in California and traveled the United States, Canada, and Mexico in their motor home, finally settling in Henderson, Nevada in 1991 at the insistence of Sam's brother Pat.

Sam is active with the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion, serving as Commander of Post 40 in Henderson, State Commander of Nevada, and most recently as the Alternate National Executive Committee member. He has also been reappointed to serve on the Governor's Committee of the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery.

Lois is active with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, volunteers at the St. Viator Church, and is an auxiliary member of the American Legion's Unit 40.

Of all their accomplishments, Sam and Lois are most proud of their four children, Margaret Mary Janshen, Joseph Robert, Thomas Joseph, and John Salvatore. They also love and enjoy their seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize two wonderful people who I have known for many years on their coming wedding anniversary and also for their service to the community of Southern Nevada. I wish them many more joyful years of marriage.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE DRUG, LUCENTIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I sent the attached letter to the Director of the National Eye Institute, inquiring about the role of publicly funded research in the development of the drug on July 12, 2005.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 12, 2006.

Dr. PAUL A. SIEVING, M.D., Ph.D.

Director, National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland

DEAR DR. SIEVING: I write to request your assistance in understanding NIH's contribution to research and development of the drug, Lucentis. According to your website, "the NEI alone has spent nearly \$95 million and has sponsored more than 300 research studies that have investigated neovascularization in the eye." The studies

have "discovered specific biological pathways and proteins that trigger the growth of new blood vessels." Specifically, a protein called vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) was found to be "important in the growth of new blood vessels in retinal degenerative diseases such as advanced AMD. The abnormal blood vessels leak blood and fluid, causing severe vision loss." Subsequently, "several pharmaceutical companies began developing anti-VEGF therapies."

Please provide a detailed overview of the research NIH has funded in this area. Please also indicate whether NIH supported any of the research that led to the Lucentis patents, or any of the research that was undertaken by Genentech or partners, including support for clinical testing, related to Lucentis. The intent is not to be able to review the findings of each of the relevant studies. Rather, it is to understand the role and contribution of NIH in the development of this important product.

Thank you for your assistance and your time.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING BRADLEY BAILEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bradley Bailey of Kansas City, Missouri. Over the past few months, Brad has served as my office intern. In aiding the day to day operations of the office, he has worked with enthusiasm and dedication. His efforts to represent my office have been commended by both my staff and our constituents.

As a student at Central Missouri State University, Brad has been pursuing a degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice and came to Washington, DC, this summer after interning in my Liberty District office in 2005. His ambition and interest in politics and government have made him a welcome addition to my office. He has a true commitment to public service and his enthusiasm in helping the people of the 6th District is something to be admired.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Bradley Bailey. He has been great to have in the office and his efforts are much appreciated. I have no doubt that his future ambitions to work in Federal Law Enforcement will be fulfilled. He will certainly be missed and I would like to ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking him for all of his hard work and dedication. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS,
UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS
150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Trinity Episcopal Church of Lawrence, Kansas, which on Au-

gust 20th will celebrate its 150th year of serving Kansans attending the University of Kansas as well as residents of Lawrence.

Lawrence has a long and vibrant history of religious diversity, dating back to its founding prior to the Civil War by immigrants who sought to establish Kansas as a state where slavery was prohibited. I am pleased to have this opportunity to place into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article originally published in the Lawrence Journal-World which details the history of several of Lawrence's original congregations, including Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to share this history with the House and I commend the members of Trinity Episcopal Church as they prepare to celebrate 150 years of service to the people of Lawrence and the University of Kansas.

[From the Lawrence Journal-World, Sept. 19, 2004]

CITY CHURCHES TRACE ROOTS TO PIONEER
DAYS

(By Jim Baker)

Lawrence was born from the reaction between pro-slavery forces and abolitionists fighting for control over the future of the Kansas Territory—and the city's early churches were the catalyst.

The struggles of the abolitionists, in Lawrence's opening decades, set the course for many congregations that went on to flourish in the ensuing 150 years.

In 1854, the New England Emigrant Aid Company sent a hardy band of 29 men to found a city in the Kansas Territory, hoping to settle the land with as many abolitionists as possible. The hope was that when the territory eventually achieved statehood, Kansas would be a free state.

Among the men recruited by Amos Lawrence, a wealthy merchant based in Boston, were Unitarians, Methodists and Congregationalists. The most prominent Unitarian among them was Charles Robinson, who would become the first governor of Kansas.

It took the group about two weeks to reach a site here, and then its members set up housing in order to establish a beachhead for abolitionists.

The Unitarian Church—known as the Unitarian Society in Lawrence—was founded in 1856, the year that a stone church was built at what is now Ninth and Ohio streets. The church also was used by the Congregationalists and Methodists. The first minister was the Rev. Ephraim Nute.

"Certainly in the early years, Unitarians were instrumental in building the schools, fostering abolitionism, providing aid for the Underground Railroad and settlers of the abolitionist persuasion. The Unitarian Church was used as a hospital in the aftermath of Quantrill's Raid (Aug. 21, 1863)," said Carol Huettnet, administrator of the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, 1263 N. 1100 Road.

"I think that the idea of tolerance, inclusion and basic fairness is part and parcel of the mindset of Lawrence, and I believe that comes in a straight, unbroken line from the first Unitarian settlers here. Lawrence would not have been founded were it not for Unitarians."

IMPRESSIVE HERITAGE

The history of three of Lawrence's oldest churches also is rooted in the epic clash between those who wanted Kansas to be a slave state and those who were "free-staters."

The founders of Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vt., came to Kansas to swell the ranks of settlers opposed to slavery. They